

### Chapel happenings

Malmstrom's chaplains Chaplain (Lt Col) David Cote Wing staff agencies

Chaplain (Capt) CarlWright 341st Operationgs Group

Chaplain (Capt) Jerry Sather 341st Logistics Group

Chaplain (Capt) Jonathan Wade

341st Support Group 341st Medical Group 819th RED HORSE Squadron

#### Appointments

To make an appointment with a unit chaplain, call the base chapel at 731-3721. The chaplains provide all kinds of counseling and have 100 percent confidentiality.

#### Chapel services schedule

Eastern Orthodox Christian, Islamic and Jewish services

Call the base chapel for dates and times.

Protestant Sunday services

Wednesday Family night – 6:30 p.m.

Traditional service - 8:15 a.m.

Contemporary worship – 11:15 a.m.

Roman Catholic services

Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.

Sunday

Mass – 9:45 a.m.

Weekdays

Mass 11:30 a.m.

# Chief of staff talks priorities

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NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. (AFPN) – Families, a balanced civilian workforce and military construction funding are high-priority issues that senior Air Force leaders continue to address, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen Michael Ryan.

"We are a family Air Force," Gen Ryan said during a visit here. "This is a recurring theme I encounter from airmen stationed around the world. Most of our folks when they finish their first tour have families."

Gen Ryan said that the Air Force is an expeditionary force, in the business of deploying. But when members deploy, they want to know that their families are stable, safe and secure.

"We, as a family Air Force, must make sure they are taken care of, particularly those who live on the installations," Gen Ryan said. "Approximately half of the military family housing needs rebuilding; we are working very hard to take care of that. There is a plan in place to make this happen by the end of the next decade."

In the last few years Air Force people have received many muchneeded pay and quality-of-life improvements, such as across-the-board pay increases, and just recently, the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance. Gen Ryan expects this trend to continue.

Gen Ryan acknowledged the great demand for Air Force people in the civilian workforce.

"They are excellent workers, they are disciplined, they are drugfree," Gen Ryan said. "They are family people who know how to lead and how to follow and industry wants them. What we have to do is make sure we provide the quality of service and the quality of life to keep them here."

Most Air Force members love what they do, Gen Ryan said.

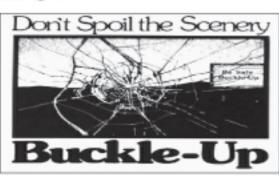
"Even though a great number will be eligible, not all will choose to leave when they reach that point. Many will stay on with us," Gen Ryan said. "We have asked Congress for help in trying to shape the force. That is, to bring in more younger people to balance our experience levels, and to be able to give incentives to our folks who want to retire."

Relief is in sight for military construction, he said.

## AADD volunteers

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving team for the week of May 28 to June 4 was SrA Bobbie Hamilton, 341st Medical Group, Amn Robert Caruso, 341st Operations Group, A1C Antoine Skaff, 341st MDG, AB D.J. Thompson, 341st CONS. AADD is a volunteer organization made up of Team Malmstrom members in the rank of airman basic to senior airman dedicated to getting service-members home safe.

Call 788-AADD for Airmen Against Drunk Driving assistance.



# 1,500 Air Force members must pay Social Security

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – About 1,500 Air Force people have been overpaid due to under collection of Social Security withholding of FICA and Medicare.

This problem affects people who had adjustments to base pay, such as promotions, demotions, longevity increases, forfeitures and the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

The problem was created with last year's tax release to the Defense Joint Military Pay System and has recently been fixed, Defense Finance Accounting Service officials said. Amounts of overpayments ranged from pennies to \$1,700. The overpayments, which affect all services, may not be waived and must be paid back. DFAS will reduce the end-of-month May pay of about 700 people who owe \$120 or less.

The remaining, about 800 people, will have the shortfall prorated and deducted from their end-ofmonth pay for June, July and August. DFAS officials realize this may create a financial hardship for some people and will work those repayments on a case-bycase basis.

For more information, contact the finance office at 731-3193.